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Letter dated 12 August 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the note which the Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of the Argentine Republic sent on 14 July 1999 to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom, in reply to a letter which the Secretary of State had sent him on that same day.

I should be grateful if you would have this note and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 52 of the provisional agenda.

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Annex

Letter dated 14 July 1999 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of the Argentine Republic addressed to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom

I am pleased to write to you concerning your note of 14 July in which you refer to the manner in which the Government of the United Kingdom will fulfil some of the responsibilities and commitments it assumed under the joint statement signed in London on 14 July and the exchange of notes of that same date.

In this connection, I wish to inform you that the above-mentioned joint statement and exchange of notes were agreed to under the formula on safeguard of sovereignty contained in paragraph 1 (ii) of the joint statement of the Argentine and British delegations issued in Madrid on 19 October 1989.

Therefore, any arrangements made by the United Kingdom with a view to their implementation are an internal affair to be decided by its Government, which has no bearing on the nature of the controversy over sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, or on the Argentine position on the matter.